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The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that the Agreement be extended for another one-year period, until December 16, 2005, to allow time for the continued thorough process of examination and negotiation of potential amendments to the 1993 Agreement.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Russian Federation, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the Ministry's note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's note and shall be effective December 16, 2004.

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Embassy of the United States of America

Moscow,

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the Russian Federation and has the honor to confirm the receipt of Note # 154 from the Embassy dated November 23, 2004, which reads as follows:

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The Ministry has the honor to advise that the Government of the Russian Federation agrees to consider the said note of the Embassy and this reply thereto as the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and Government of the United States of America on the extension of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States of America on Science and Technology Cooperation of December 16, 1993, which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

The Ministry avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Embassy renewed assurances of its highest consideration. Moscow, December 16, 2004.